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## **Book Release Party and Author Signing on Saturday, March**

### **8 Celebrates Fitchburg Historical Society's *Legendary Locals***

(Fitchburg, MA – February 28, 2014) The Fitchburg Historical Society will be hosting a **Book Release Party and Author Signing on Saturday, March 8 from 1 to 3 pm.**, with the release of its newest book of Fitchburg history, *Legendary Locals of Fitchburg*. There will be a brief presentation on selected local celebrities by the book's authors. There will also be a question and answer period, and an opportunity to buy signed copies of the book, which is on sale for \$21.99.

*Legendary Locals of Fitchburg* contains pictures and biographies of over 120 Fitchburg citizens who shaped the city during its 250 year history. These range from military, industrial and government leaders to artists and athletes. They include such unique citizens as Don Featherstone, the inventor of the pink flamingo lawn ornament; journalist and television commentator Mike Barnicle; and opera singer Rocco Pandiscio, an Enrico Caruso protégé hailed as the greatest baritone of his day. At the March 8 Book Release party, the authors will highlight their favorite celebrities and newly-discovered stories.

The Fitchburg Historical Society and Crocker Family Center for the History of Fitchburg is located at 781 Main Street, Fitchburg. This year marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city of Fitchburg, which was founded as a town in 1764. For more information, call 978-345-1157, visit

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The Fitchburg Historical Society previously published the book *Images of America: Fitchburg* in 2005, which is also available for purchase. Founded by James F.D. Garfield in 1892, the Fitchburg Historical Society is an independent non-profit whose mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Fitchburg. The Society hosts lectures, exhibitions, and annual events relating to the city's history.

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***Legendary Locals of Fitchburg Authors Appearances and Book Signings:***

Saturday March 8, 2014, 1 to 3 p.m.: Fitchburg Historical Society, 781 Main Street

Tuesday March 18, 2014, 6:30 to 8 p.m.: Fitchburg Public Library

Saturday March 22, 2014, 12:30 to 2 p.m.: Fitchburg Public Library

Wednesday April 2, 2014, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Fitchburg State University, Center for Teaching and Learning

Saturday May 17, 2014, 12 to 4 p.m.: Barnes and Noble, Leominster

Tuesday May 27, 2014, 7 to 8:30 p.m.: Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society, American Legion Hall. 22 Elm Street, Gardner, MA